

COP SHOT DEAD IN BANDIT FIGHT BULLETS FLY AND THOUSANDS FLEE

1 Assailant Is Wounded And Caught

Slain in a gun fight with two bandits while thousands of startled pedestrians scampered for safety early today around 8th Avenue and 49th Street, Patrolman Oscar Oehlerking, 26, of the West 47th Street police station was a fighting hero.

One of the bandits was shot and captured. He said he was Albert Mack, 23, of 25 South St. The other escaped.

Two bullet holes in a door of the New Madison Square Garden, near by, bore witness of the gun battle. The shots fired brought many patrolmen, who joined in the fight.

"Stick Up Your Hands"

The tragedy started when two men entered Cronin's, at 340 West 49th St. They ordered a couple of drinks. About five minutes later one of them pulled out a gun and shouted to those in the place, about ten, to stick up their hands. One of the patrons thought it a joke until the bandit fired at him.

Then the two, alarmed, ran out, closely pursued. They fled east to 8th Avenue. A cop shot at them, and the bark of pistols answered.

Patrolman Oehlerking, who lived at 379 East 156th St., joined the fight. He got close to the bandits, one of whom fired at him. Blood gushed from a hole in his lung. He died almost instantly.

The killer paused for a second, then resumed a running fire.

More Cops to the Rescue

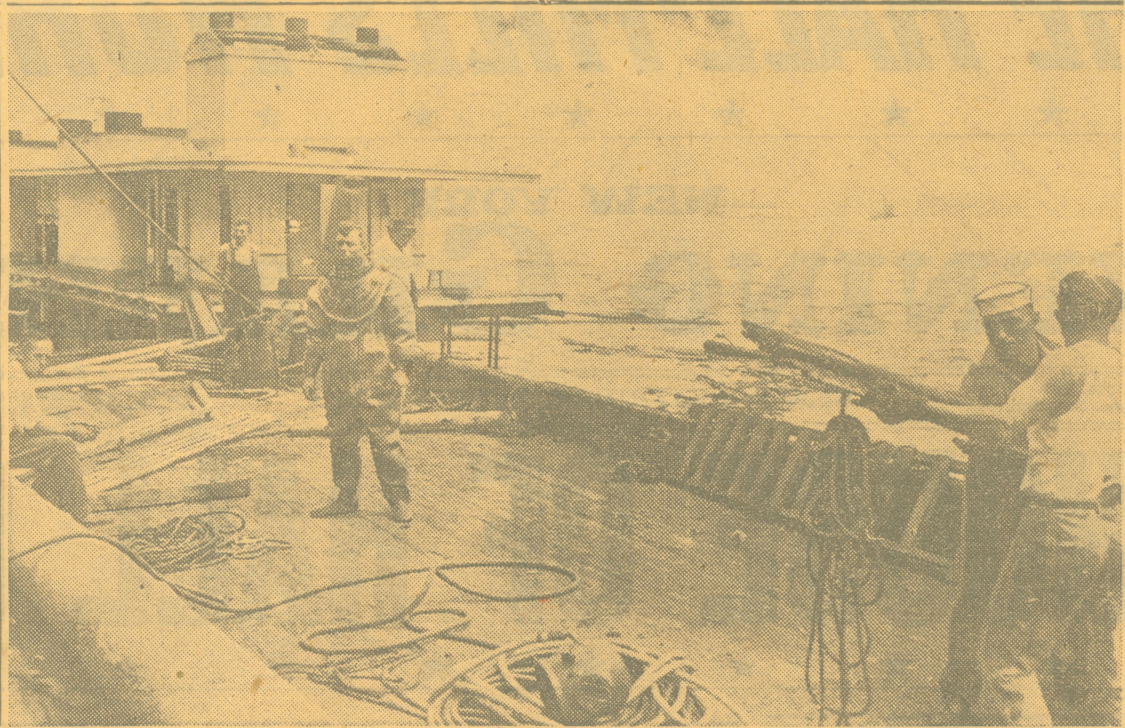
Patrolmen Pardington and Conrad at this point entered the battle. The two bandits separated at the corner. Mack rushed toward the Garden and Pardington followed. A bullet stopped the fugitive short.

"You got me!" he screamed. The other pursued man disappeared in a nearby tenement.

Several buildings in the vicinity looked battle-scarred after the affray. Reserves from the West 49th Street station were ordered out to handle the thousands frightened by the shooting.

Capt. James McIvor, attached to Police Headquarters, investigated the matter. The capture of the man who escaped is expected momentarily.

Bodies Sought in Hull of Sunken Boat



SEARCH still is being continued aboard the sunken Hudson River steamer, Washington Irving, for the bodies of those who are believed to have been drowned when the ship sank after a collision with a barge. Diver Carlson is shown on the dock coming up from a vain hunt for the bodies. (Photo Graphic.)

Miss Ederle Starts Swim Of Channel

By MINO T. SAUNDERS
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GRIZ NEZ, FRANCE, Aug. 6 (8.10 A. M.).—Miss Gertrude Ederle, American girl swimmer, is battling with the waters which separate France and England in her second attempt to swim the English Channel.

Miss Ederle started at 7.09 this morning. After an hour in the water she was about five and a half miles off shore, swimming strongly. The tide was sweeping her toward Boulogne, but the sea was calm, and observers declared the day almost ideal for the attempt.

A haze hung over the water, however, and storm clouds lowered on the horizon off England.

In Fine Condition

On the advice of her trainer, Bill Burgess, the second man to swim the Channel, Miss Ederle retired early last night. Burgess expressed the opinion that she was in fine condition and was confident she would be the first woman to swim the Channel.

She arrived at the shore in a taxicab this morning. The air was chilly. As is customary, she was rubbed with a mixture of vaseline and lanoline before entering the water. Instead of a one-piece bathing suit, she wore a slip, with the emblem of the Women's Swimming Association and a small American flag on her chest.

Lillian Cannon, the other American girl swimmer who is contemplating a Channel trip, shook hands with Miss Ederle, saying:—"I'll see you at Dover."

Crowd Hails Wills at Garden, To Great Chagrin of Dempsey

Shock Kills Woman As She Watches Boy Drown

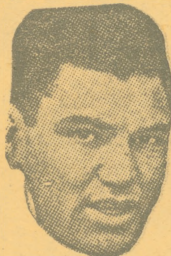
Mrs. D. L. Docherty, 50, employed at 510 5th Ave., died of shock at Long Beach while watching a boy drown.

The boy, John Coran, 10, of 241 East 78th St., had been swimming on water wings. They slipped from beneath him and he went down. He shouted for help and a cry went up along the beach. Men hurried to his aid and he came up a second, but not a third time. Mrs. Docherty was sitting on the beach with Mrs. Bertha Schultz, who lives in the West End section.

Entrance Staged During Tremaine-Burrone Contest

By ED SULLIVAN
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Harry Wills, giant negro heavyweight, may never meet Jack Dempsey, the champion, in a fight for the championship of the world, but Wills last night scored a clean-cut victory on oral points over the titleholder in an unex-



Jack Dempsey



Harry Wills

pected meeting in Madison Square Garden.

Probably the greatest demonstration of public approval ever given to an American fighter was represented in the uproarious welcome tendered Wills as he walked into the arena during the Carl Tremaine-Vic Burrone fight. Fight fans stood on their seats and whistled and yelled as Wills strode down the aisle accompanied by Lew Raymond and the dapper Vic Scutari, while Dempsey, the champion, was hissed and booed.

Represented Fight Opinion

There were 12,000 fight fans in the gallery and they accurately represented fight opinion in this city.

Dempsey, extremely sensitive, was plainly upset by the hostility shown him.

"What do they want me to do?" asked the champion after he had left the Garden. "I signed to fight Wills time and again and the pro-

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\$15,000,000 Rum Sold by Fraud On Prescriptions

Twenty-seven doctors, thirty druggists, sixteen whisky agents and four corporations indicted Wednesday for violation of the prohibition law will be arraigned Monday, according to Assistant United States Attorney John J. Fogarty. He estimated that \$15,000,000 worth of liquor had been sold in New York city on spurious prescriptions.

Throughout the day Mr. Fogarty and Assistant United States Attorney Horace Hitchcock indicated that the investigation had by no means been ended.

Mr. Fogarty said the government had collected spurious prescriptions for about \$4,500,000 in illegal sales of liquor.

ACCUSED OFFICIAL FACES MORE CHARGES

Five additional complaints will be made against Leroy F. Vermuele, former town commissioner of Belleville, N. J., who was arrested and held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of non-feasance in office, growing out of the discovery of a shortage of approximately \$60,000 in the town's account.

It was alleged in the specific complaint that the former town official failed to turn over to the town treasurer \$34,007.23 in tax money received last January. Prosecutor Bigelow said that a charge of embezzlement and four other unnamed charges would be made against Vermuele within the next few days.

DIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Stanley Lansburgh, 37, first vice-president of Lansburgh & Bro., department store, died suddenly from heart disease. He was popular in business, fraternal and civic circles.

Brooklyn Police Probe Man's Death After Accident

Brooklyn detectives are investigating the death of John T. Hyland, 59, a letter carrier, of 659 Macon St., who was knocked down by an automobile truck driven by Ashod Tarzian of 68 Macon St., and who died later in the Marine Hospital in Manhattan.

After the accident last Wednesday Hyland was examined by two ambulance surgeons from St. John's Hospital, who are said to have pronounced his injuries as superficial and told him to go home.

Hyland was examined later and sent to the Marine Hospital in Tompkinsville, S. I., where he died four hours later as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage and fracture of the skull.

AUTO HITS BOY, FLEES

Hugh Smith, 11, of 40 Bay 13th St., Brooklyn, was struck by an auto yesterday at 19th Avenue and 86th Street, Brooklyn. The driver failed to stop.

STEBEN SOCIETY OUTING

Brooklyn units of the Steuben Society of America will journey to West Point and Bear Mountain next Sunday for an outing.

MARRIED IN CATHEDRAL

Miss Katheryn E. Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kennedy of Flushing, L. I., was married to Irwin F. Zeiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zeiller of Bay-side in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Westchester Society Agog Over Alienation Scandal

Westchester society is agog over the order that Mrs. Mary P. Whitmore, one of its pets, be arrested. The order issued yesterday will probably be executed today.

Mrs. Whitmore is being sued for \$150,000 by Mrs. Henrietta M. Johnson, wife of Charles R. Johnson, vice-president of the General Optical Company. Mrs. Johnson charges alienation of affection.

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Thundershowers today and probably tomorrow; not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh southeast and east winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Partly cloudy; probably showers; rising temperature; moderate to fresh easterly winds.